

# One Hundredth Anniversary



PRESENT CHURCH EDIFICE, ERECTED 1905-7

First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

1851-1951



*Earlier Homes  
of the Congregation*



TOP: Crude plank building at Second and Jackson Streets, in which First Baptist Church was organized and where it worshipped for three years through the hospitality of the First Methodist Church.

CENTER: First brick church edifice in Waco. Erected at Fourth and Mary Streets by First Baptist Church during 1854-1856. This building destroyed by fire February 22, 1877.

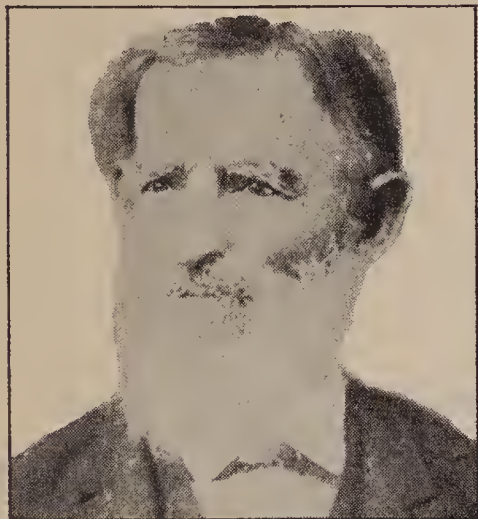
BOTTOM: This imposing building replaced the one lost by fire. Here the Church worshipped until it moved to present home at Fifth and Webster.





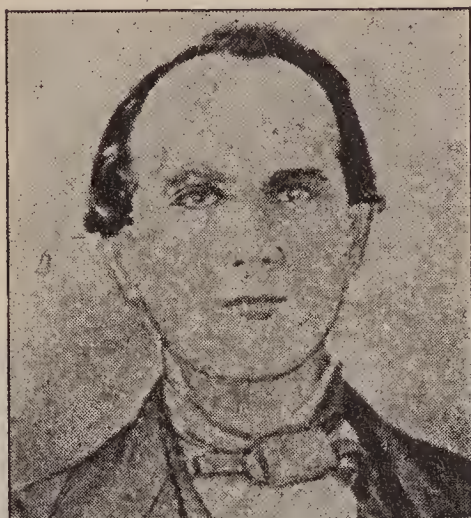
*"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." I Corinthians 3:6*

*Pastors Who  
Led The Flock In  
Former Years*



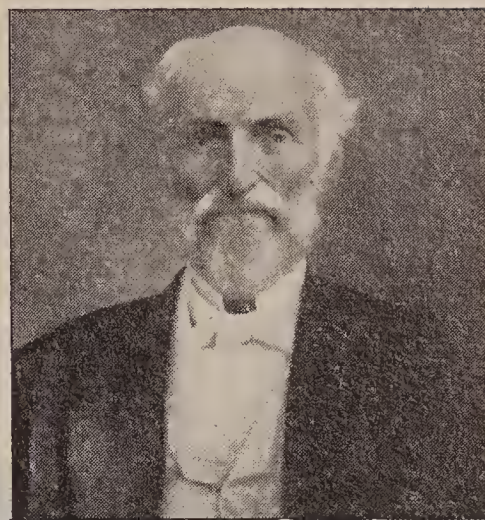
REV. NOAH T. BYARS

Great pioneer Texas Baptist missionary who organized First Church of Waco, May 31, 1851



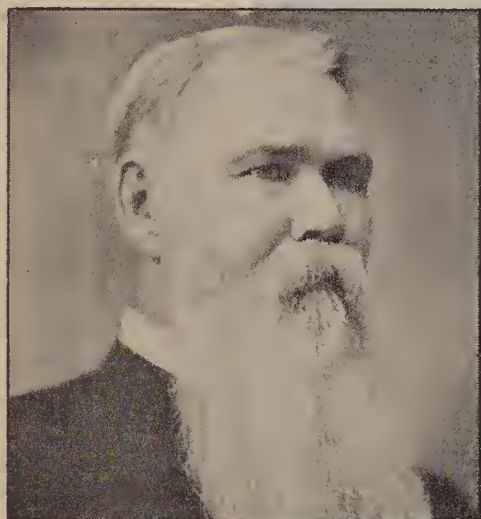
REV. S. G. O'BRYAN

Second pastor, 1854-1859, who led congregation in erecting its first house



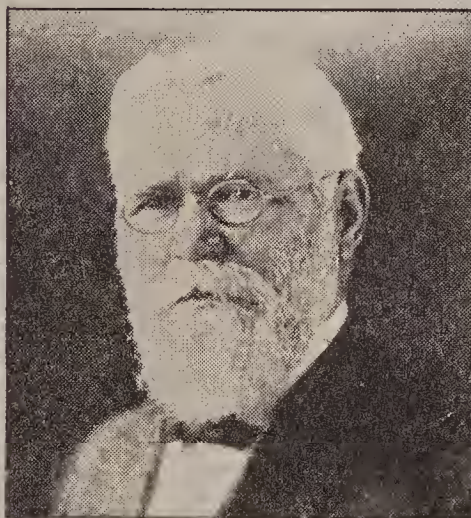
DR. RUFUS C. BURLESON

Three short terms, 1860-1870



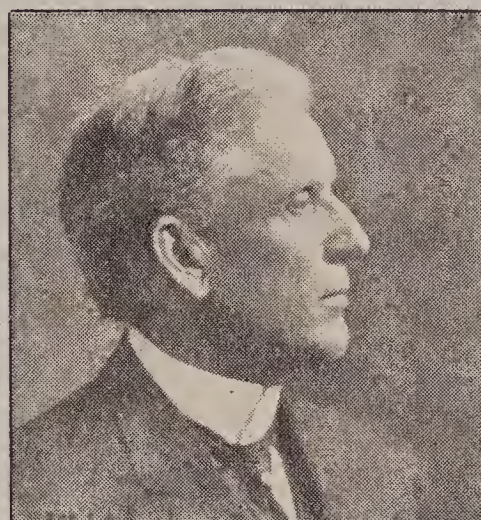
DR. B. H. CARROLL

who led the church in notable fashion from 1871 to 1899



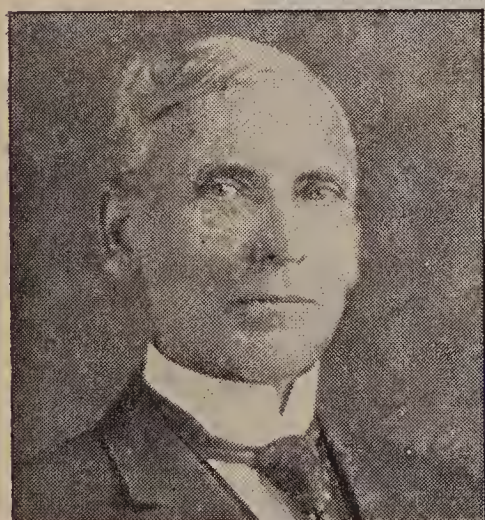
DR. J. M. CARROLL

Nine months in 1901-1902



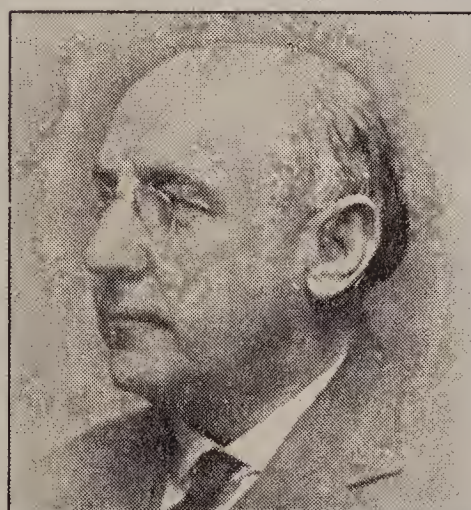
DR. WILLIAM LUNSFORD

Eleven months, 1903-1904



DR. B. H. DeMENT

Two years, 1904-1906



DR. A. J. BARTON

Two years, 1907-1909



DR. F. C. McCONNELL

Five years, 1909-1914

Dr. J. M. Dawson outdistanced all other pastors in the length of service, leading the congregation from Jan. 1, 1915, to August 1, 1946, and is the only ex-pastor living. His picture is shown on page 11, featuring the program personnel for the anniversary celebration.

No pictures could be found of the following former pastors: Dr. W. H. Bayliss, 1860-61; Rev. W. H. Anderson, 1864; Rev. M. B. Hardin, 1868-69, and Dr. A. W. McGaha, 1900-01.



*"That he might present it to himself, a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without wrinkle." Ephesians 5:27*

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WACO, HAS ENJOYED A ROMANTIC AND SIGNIFICANT HISTORY

Few Southern Baptist churches have had more numerous and varied claims to uniqueness than those possessed by the First Baptist Church of Waco, which is this week observing its first Centennial anniversary.

Organized May 31, 1851, in a borrowed, log walled, board covered, dirt floored, and puncheon seated house of worship, owned by the First Methodist congregation, this church began with only four charter members. The organizer, the Rev. Noah T. Byars, was a missionary of the Texas Baptist Convention, who served the little flock as non-resident pastor one week-end per month for three years, during which time the membership grew to 23.

Brother Byars was an indefatigable worker and before his retirement he had preached the gospel over a frontier larger than most states, and had organized 64 churches and nine district associations.

### SMALL CONGREGATION ERECTS SPLENDID BUILDING

The second pastor, the Rev. S. G. O'Bryan, a former Baylor professor, was a very cultured as well as consecrated man. Coming to Waco in 1854, he immediately challenged the little congregation of fewer than 30 members to begin the erection of a modern brick church edifice, in which one room was set apart for a girls' seminary, of which he was the principal. He was also instrumental in bringing to Waco the Trinity River Male High School, a Baptist academy for boys, and became the first principal of that institution while serving as pastor. The male high school was the forerunner of Waco University, established in 1861, and which was merged with Baylor University in 1886. Brother O'Bryan served the church for six years and the most successful revival of the early days occurred during his pastorate in 1857.

The Rev. W. H. Bayliss of Louisiana, a distinguished orator, served the church as pastor for two years, in succession to Mr. O'Bryan.

Dr. R. C. Burleson, who had come from Independence in 1861 to head Waco University, became pastor in January, 1862, but resigned early in 1863 to become a chaplain in the Confederate Army.

There were no long pastorates in these early days of the church. Rev. W. H. Anderson of Mississippi served the church in 1864, and then the church turned again to Dr. Burleson, who led the flock in a splendid fashion from 1865 to 1867. It was during the last year of that period that he conducted the greatest revival the church had known up to that time. It was then that many of the members who became outstandingly useful in the church professed faith and were baptized in the Brazos River in December, 1867.

The church turned next to the Rev. M. B. Hardin of Auburn, Ala., as pastor, and he served during 1868 and 1869.

### DR. CARROLL BECOMES LEADER IN 1871

With the dawn of 1870, the church for the third time turned to Dr. Burleson as pastor, and this time he accepted on the condition that the congregation would secure the young B. H. Carroll as assistant. So splendid were the services of the assistant pastor that the church turned to him unanimously as full pastor, with the opening of 1871. For twenty-eight years Dr. Carroll provided the church with one of the finest records of great preaching and superb leadership that has ever been experienced by any church anywhere. During his service the church grew in membership, character, resources, service, and influence to the extent that for the time being it was the most significant Baptist church in Texas. By reason of his outstanding ability Dr. Carroll was commandeered by Baylor on numerous occasions to raise money to save the institution, and on at least one occasion he went afield to lift a heavy debt on the Baptist State Mission Board, at that time located in Waco. Dr. Carroll proved of great service to Southern as well as Texas Baptists. He was not only the greatest theologian among his brethren, and helped to establish his denomination in its present orthodoxy, but he was instrumental in the establishment of the evangelistic department of the Home Mission Board and helped to project the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The two greatest revivals in the church's history, one in 1876 and the other in 1893, occurred during Dr. Carroll's pastorate. During the 1876 campaign of 81 days the preaching was done by the lay evangelist, Major William Penn, when hundreds of people were converted and the whole state stirred. Dr. Carroll did his own preaching for eight weeks in the 1893 campaign, when unusual spiritual power was generated and the whole community deeply stirred.

Dr. Carroll resigned the pastorate January 1, 1899, to organize the Bible department of Baylor University, which grew into the present Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, which Dr. Carroll headed until his death in November, 1916.

During much of his pastorate of the First Church Dr. Carroll had as his associate and city missionary, the Rev. John G. Kendall, who occupied the pulpit on many of Dr. Carroll's absences. However, his most significant work was that of organizing missions, seven of which have long since developed into Baptist churches.

### SHORT PASTORATES PREVAIL FOR PERIOD

Following Dr. Carroll's resignation, the church had a number of very brief pastorates, but the church went forward despite the frequent changes in leadership. This achievement was due to the fact that the congregation had developed a very strong lay leadership among both the men and the women.

Dr. A. W. McGaha was the immediate successor to Dr. Carroll, but failing health and subsequent death limited his service to considerably less than two years. Dr. J. M. Carroll, younger brother of Dr. B. H., served from December, 1901, to September, 1902, when he resigned to head up the Texas Baptist Education Commission. For a period of eleven months Dr. William Lunsford, who later founded the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, served as pastor.

Following Dr. Lunsford's resignation the church turned to Dr. B. H. DeMent of the Baylor Bible Department, to lead it in the construction of the present church edifice at Fifth and Webster during the two years preceding his joining the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. From the latter post Dr. DeMent went to New Orleans as the first president of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Under the leadership of Dr. A. J. Barton from the late spring of 1907 to the spring of 1909, the present edifice at Fifth and Webster was fully equipped and occupied. Dr. Barton resigned to take the secretaryship of the Texas Baptist Education Commission.

For a period of five years, October, 1909, to December, 1914, the gifted Dr. F. C. McConnell led the church very successfully before going to Atlanta, Ga., to establish the Druid Hills Baptist Church, now reputed to be the strongest Baptist church in any of the Southeastern states.

### DR. DAWSON SERVES CHURCH MORE THAN 30 YEARS

Dr. J. M. Dawson, who came to the pastorate January 1, 1915, set a precedent for length of service, having completed more than 31½ years before resigning in July, 1946, to go to Washington as director of the Office of Public Affairs for the Baptists of North America. The church went forward in numbers, gifts and other respects under the long leadership of Dr. Dawson and his gifted companion, who headed the Woman's Missionary Society during much of her residence in Waco, and taught the Fidelis Class of Baylor girls in the Sunday school throughout that time.

### DR. FEEZOR IS PRESENT SUCCESSFUL PASTOR

After an extensive survey of the field, following Dr. Dawson's resignation, the church extended a unanimous call to Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, who assumed the pastorate November 1, 1946, and the church is enjoying its largest development in several respects under his leadership. Larger audiences attend upon his ministry than upon that of any preceding pastor. Much larger budgets than ever before are being more promptly subscribed and paid in. The big auditorium has been air-conditioned at a cost of \$40,000; the most modern baby building in America has been constructed, the gift of an anonymous husband and wife in the church; and a 2,600 capacity educational building, and a modern chapel with a seating capacity of 300, are being constructed on the big lot adjoining the main church edifice, at a cost of more than \$500,000.

### MR. W. R. BUMPAS IS THE EFFICIENT MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Throughout the years the church has produced many outstanding laymen and women, but the space available will not permit mention of their names. During the Civil War this church contributed five generals to the Confederate Army. The church has furnished a governor and a lieutenant governor of Texas, one president of the Southern Baptist Convention, three presidents of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and six presidents of Baylor University.

Over and above its regular contributions to the denominational program, the church supports 11 foreign missionaries. Last December it contributed more than \$7,500 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Fund.

An interesting commentary on the general character of the church is afforded in the fact that in all its 100 years there has never been a schism among the members.



*"Know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." I Thessalonians 5:12-13*



DR. FORREST C. FEEZOR, beloved pastor since November 1, 1946

MRS. FORREST C. FEEZOR, the pastor's noble helpmeet

*Present Leaders of "The Beautiful Flock"*



*"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." II Timothy 2:2*



## *Directors of Teaching and Training Program*

MISS MARJORIE HOLLIS, educational secretary;  
MR. W. R. BUMPAS, minister of education;  
MRS. J. L. STEWART, church hostess;  
MR. JOE BAXTER, financial secretary;  
MRS. EULA HOWELL, church secretary.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Pastor, Dr. F. C. Feezor;  
  
Educational Director, Mr. Bill Bumpas;  
  
Financial Secretary, Mr. Joe E. Baxter;  
  
General Secretary, Mrs. Eula Howell;  
  
Associate Superintendents, Mr. W. H. Jenkins, Jr.,  
Mr. J. C. Harris, Mr. Fred Litzman,  
Dr. M. L. Goetting.

### DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

Nursery I-A, Mrs. Rob Rumsey;  
Nursery I-B, Mrs. W. R. Bumpas;  
Nursery II-A, Mrs. George Sparkman;  
Nursery II-B, Mrs. Lloyd Russell;  
Nursery III, Mrs. Vernon Smith;  
Beginner I, Mrs. Virginia Furqueron;  
Beginner II, Mrs. Gerry Taylor;  
Primary I, Mrs. J. V. Hasley;  
Primary II, Miss Elizabeth Morgan;  
Junior, Mrs. Walstein Smith, Jr.;  
Intermediate, Mr. A. C. Wimpee;  
Young People I, Mrs. F. C. Feezor;  
Young People II, Mr. J. D. Stovall;  
Young People III, Mrs. H. Paul Dellinger;  
Adult I, Mr. D. H. Blackmon;  
Adult II, Mr. R. H. Brister;  
Adult III, Mr. William Lennox.

## TRAINING UNION STAFF

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Pastor, Dr. Feezor;  
Director, Mr. Bill Bumpas;  
Associate Director, Mr. Charles D. Griffin;  
General Secretary, Mr. John C. Lattimore.

### DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Elementary, Mrs. W. R. Bumpas;  
Junior, Mrs. H. L. Gillenwaters;  
Intermediate, Mrs. Grace Rogers;  
Young People, Mr. Howard F. Saunders.



*"And whosoever would be chief among you, let him be your servant; Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." Matthew 20:27-28*

## *Non-Salaried Officials of the Church*

MR. E. R. NASH, Jr., church treasurer for 37 years;  
MRS. ROY RAY, president Woman's Missionary Society;  
MR. W. H. JENKINS, chief of ushers for 50 years;  
MR. W. D. SONNTAG, church clerk for 8 years;  
MR. A. L. MITCHELL, chairman of deacons.



### ACTIVE DEACONS FOR 1951

A. L. MITCHELL, chairman; NEILL S. FOSTER, vice-chairman; E. C. PRICKETTE, secretary;  
J. F. Bagwell, G. D. Barrett, W. G. Barrett, H. S. Beard, D. H. Blackmon, R. H. Brister, E. C. Brown,  
W. R. Bumpas, J. B. Burch, F. E. Burkhalter, A. P. Cagle, M. S. Carroll, L. W. Courtney, W. C.  
Dorrill, John B. Fisher, Sr., J. L. Gerloff, W. T. Gooch, George B. Graves, J. W. Hale, H. V. Har-  
man, Roy Hatch, H. E. Howell, W. H. Jenkins, Jr., W. B. King, A. S. Lang, J. E. Lattimore, J. C.  
McElhannon, Floyd Mitchell, G. W. Mitchell, E. R. Nash, Jr., G. E. Osborne, J. H. Pace, J. L.  
Phillips, Truman Provine, Roy R. Ray, D. L. Richardson, H. W. Robertson, V. W. Robertson, Ross  
M. Sams, Harry Schauburger, W. T. Stanton, W. R. Stephens, J. D. Stovall, W. J. Williams, and  
Lynn Zimmerman.

### USHERS OF THE CHURCH

W. H. JENKINS, Jr., chairman; I. C. Anderson, H. S. Beard, Floyd T. Brittain, Ben F. Brown, J. B.  
Burch, J. H. Byrne, Dr. A. P. Cagle, Cary Cannon, W. C. Dorrill, W. T. Durham, J. B. Fisher, Sr.,  
Charles Frazier, Dr. M. L. Goetting, George B. Graves, Roy Hatch, Hugh Henson, Hilton Howell,  
John C. Lattimore, Dr. John E. Lattimore, Fred Litzman, Floyd Mitchell, E. R. Nash, Jr., Julian H.  
Pace, E. C. Prickette, Roy R. Ray, H. F. Saunders, Harry Schauburger, Curtis C. Smith, W. D.  
Sonntag, Herbert Stanard, J. D. Stovall, Charlie Waters, Dr. Walter Williams, A. C. Wimpee, Lynn  
Zimmerman, Truman Provine, Dr. M. C. Belding, W. W. Dillenberg, Tom Joseph, Bill Bailey, Dr.  
M. W. Sutcliffe, Walstein Smith, George C. Sparkman, D. L. Richardson, Henry Robertson, James  
Kaiser, Othel Neely, and Clifford C. Ross.

### BUILDING COMMITTEE ON NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

#### EXECUTIVE GROUP

Arthur L. Mitchell, vice-chairman  
Ross Sams, chairman  
Mrs. H. V. Harman, secretary  
W. R. Bumpas, J. B. Burch, Mrs. Roy Chapman, Sam  
Darden, Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, John B. Fisher, Sr.,  
George B. Graves, H. V. Harman, Joseph W. Hale,  
Roy Hatch, Hilton Howell, Mrs. Walter B. King, Sr.,  
A. L. Mitchell, E. R. Nash, Jr., Dr. W. R. Stephens.

#### GENERAL GROUP

Mrs. R. H. Brister, Frank E. Burkhalter, Mrs. J. B.  
Johnson, Mrs. Tom Craven, Dr. W. T. Gooch, Mrs.  
J. B. Johnson, W. H. Jenkins, Jr., Walter B. King, Sr.,  
Dr. J. L. Kee, William Lennox, Mrs. Joe N. Mitchell,  
Rufus Nash, Miss Lizzie Speight, Mrs. Vernon Smith,  
Mrs. W. D. Sonntag, Mrs. Ross Sams, Mrs. W. Eugene  
Sallee, Howard F. Saunders, Miss Marie Cagle.



*"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19*



## *Leaders In Church's Musical Program*

MISS CLARA MAY GLENN, accompanist;  
MISS FRANCES GAGE, accompanist;  
MR. D. H. BLACKMON, leader congregational singing;  
MISS MARTHA BARKEMA, choir director for 14 years;  
DR. ROBERT MARKHAM, organist for thirty years;  
MRS. J. K. WOOD, director String Ensemble.

## MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CHURCH

### THE CHOIR

MISS MARTHA BARKEMA, Director

DR. ROBERT MARKHAM, Organist

MEMBERS: Winnie Acord, Margaret Alsobrook, Tommy Avinger, John Earl Bagaley, William Barron, Jr., Betty Beazley, Carolyn Becker, Betty Jane Bell, Margaret Berry, Billie Blanché Boyd, D. H. Blackmon, Eugene Briscoe, Jerry Carlisle, James Cockrell, Mrs. W. L. Cooper, Evelyn Culpepper, Mrs. O. B. Darby, Paul Debusman, Richard Dorbritz, Frances Gage, Sammy Garcia, Arlen Gill, Charles Gillenwaters, Clara May Glenn, Mrs. Harold Green, Nadean Hawkins, Lee Holcombe, Earl Howell, Patricia Ingle, John Jolly, Joyce Jones, Brady Justice, Mary Littleton, Walter Mangham, Joy Manning, Orleane McCarley, Billy George McClarty, Milton McGee, Evelyn Morton, Wanda Nelson, Miriam Nethery, Ann Northum, George Pirtle, Joe Price, Betty Richardson, Gene Richardson, Terry Page, June Smith, Janet Soules, Adele Steele, Bob Streetman, Frances Thomason, Dorothy Ward, Mary Agnes Wylie, Dorylee Watson, LaVerne Davis.

### JUNIOR CHOIR

MISS MARTHA BARKEMA, Director

MISS LOU ANN HALE, Accompanist

MEMBERS: Lynn Avant, Macy Baggett, Barbara Bryant, Wanda Carruth, Barbara Jean Cleveland, Jane Cunningham, Jackie Devers, Barbara Gerloff, Phillis Gerloff, Diane Griffin, Ann Hawkins, Gregory Howell, Billie Jo Hicks, Dorothy Ann Horton, Janet Kirkpatrick, Sarah Allen Lawhorn, Mary Dean Minton, Steve Robertson, Sarah Severance, Linda Russell, Jimmy Sutcliffe, Elaine Wilkes, Sheila Wilkes.

### THE STRING ENSEMBLE

MRS. J. K. WOOD, Director

MISS CLARA MAY GLENN, Accompanist

MEMBERS: Miss Ann Hill, Mrs. M. W. Sutcliffe, Mrs. Gerald Osborne, Miss Alilea Muldrow, Miss Barbara Smith, Mr. Frank Beard, Mr. Bob Paden, Miss Ann Joy Feezor, Miss Nancy Reed.

### YOUTH CHOIR

MISS WANDA NELSON, Director

MISS FRANCES GAGE, Accompanist

MEMBERS: Kay Severance, Peggy Howell, Peggy Sutcliffe, Shirley Bunn, Forrestine Feezor, Betty Rogers, Martha Harris, Margaret Williams, Nita Knox, Frank Pugh, Carolyn Pugh, Ann Cooper, Dave Cooper, Luther Osment, Wayne Bryant, Marion Lankford, Ann Joy Feezor, Dan Nichols, Dale Clark, Hall Sutcliffe, Ginger McGlasson, Martha Ann McGlasson, Louise Mosley, Carilyn Cannon, Bill Rogers, Cliff Hamby.

### SUNBEAM CHOIR

MISS BILLIE BLANCHE BOYD, Director

MISS ORLEANE McCARLEY, Accompanist

MEMBERS: Anthony Wimpee, Janice Prickette, Susie Bumpas, Mary Beth Hasley, Nelta Ann Hasley, Paul Eddy Dwyer, Mark Robertson, Mignon Furqueron, Gregory Harbell, Dickie Quick, Dell Douglas, Janet Odell, Jimmie Bryant, Mary Beth Bryant, Jennifer Jones, Diane Griffin, Sherwood Githens, Nancy Githens, Martha Allen Newport, Nancy McCurry, Joseph Robertson, Shelly Overby, Johnny Goble, Ann King, Diane Miller, Carol Boedecker, Bobbie Kay Newman, Bill McCutcheon, Johnny Fisher, Anita Bond, James DuBois, Woody McNabb, Ben March.



*“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.” Hebrews 10:25*



A SUNDAY MORNING AUDIENCE AT WORSHIP



WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1951, 7 P. M.

YOUTH NIGHT

Jim Winter, President Youth Council, presiding  
Al Cummins, leader congregational singing

Hymn—No. 366 "Give of Your Best to the Master".....Barnard  
Invocation.....Bill Tanner, President Baylor B.S.U. Council

Hymn—No. 373 "Living for Jesus".....Chisholm

Special Music:.....Matheson

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go".....Gerhke

"Sing, Angels, Sing".....

Baylor Religious Hour Choir  
Bryan Tolbert, Director  
Miss Loen Bushman, Accompanist

Address: "God's Deadline in Europe"  
Rev. Boris Bessmertny, Director France for Christ Association, Paris

Hymn—No. 343 "Our Best".....Kirk

Address: "Our Youth for Christ"  
Mr. Jim Rayburn, Field Director Young Life Campaign,  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Benediction: Russell Bennett

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 1951, 7:30 O'CLOCK

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

All foreign-born students, returned missionaries, and missionary  
volunteers as guests of honor

Hymn—No. 151 "O Zion Haste".....Walch

Invocation

Special Music

"Almighty God of Our Fathers".....Will James

"The Beatitudes".....Glarum

Rhapsody in White and Baylor Bards  
Miss Martha Barkema, Director  
William McKamie, Accompanist

THE ROLL CALL OF THE NATIONS

Brief responses by representatives of several countries  
Recognition of visiting missionaries and missionary volunteers

Hymn—No. 236 "Lead On, O King Eternal".....Henry Sma

Address: "The International Christ"  
Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C.

Benediction

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1951, 7:30 O'CLOCK

RECOGNITION NIGHT

Hymn—No. 422 "He Leadeth Me".....Bradbury

Invocation: Dr. L. L. Burkhalter, Queen City, Texas

Special Music

"Sing and Rejoice".....Will James

"We Never Will Bow Down".....Handel

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".....Cruger-Mueller

Baylor a capella Choir  
Robert Hopkins, Director

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

Waco Ministerial Alliance, Dr. I. P. Paulson, president  
Waco Baptist Association, Dr. E. D. Dunlap, moderator  
Baptist General Convention of Texas, Mr. William Fleming, president, Ft. Worth  
People of Texas, Hon. John Ben Shepperd, Secretary of State, Austin  
Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. W. Marshall Craig, first vice-president, Dallas

Hymn No. 201 "Faith of Our Fathers".....Hemy

Recognition of descendants of early pastors and older members

Address: "A Retrospect and A Prospect"

Dr. J. M. Dawson, Executive Director, Baptist Public Affairs,  
Washington, D. C., Pastor of this church, 1915-1946

Benediction: Dr. William Harvey Andrew, pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Bryan, Texas

Centennial

Programs

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 13, 1951, 10:50 O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude "Andante".....Ilynsky

Call to Worship: "Praise Be to Thee".....Palestrina

Hymn—No. 406 "The Church's One Foundation".....Wesley

Scripture and Prayer

Anthem: "God of Our Fathers".....Warren-Ringold

Hymn—No. 435 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past".....Warren-Ringold

Offertory: "Arioso".....Schumann

String Ensemble

Offertory Anthem

"Lord, We Have Built This Thy House"  
(Baylor '42, written especially for the Centennial celebration)  
Jack Goode

Centennial Sermon: "The Church of the Living God"

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary, Sunday School Board,  
Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

Invitation Hymn: No. 230 "Pass Me Not".....Doane

Benediction

Postlude "The Glory of God".....Beethoven

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 1951, 8 O'CLOCK

Prelude: "Chorale".....Wachs

String Ensemble

Hymns.....Knapp

No. 120 "Blessed Assurance".....Doane

No. 218 "More Love to Thee".....

Scripture and Prayer.....Mueller

Anthem: "Lo, God is Here".....Schreiner

Organ Offertory: "Devotion".....Gounod

Offertory Anthem: "Sanctus" (Redemption).....

Consecration Sermon: "Consecration for Future Attainment"

Dr. J. Howard Williams, Executive Secretary, Baptist General Convention  
of Texas, Dallas

Invitation Hymn: No. 228 "Footsteps of Jesus".....Everett

Benediction

Postlude: "The Lord is Mindful of His Own".....Mendelssohn



*"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Exodus 14:15*

*Personalities on the Centennial Program*



MR. JIM RAYBURN  
Field Director, Young Life Campaign,  
Colorado Springs, Colo.



REV. BORIS BESSMERTNY  
Youth Evangelist, Paris, France



MRS. J. M. DAWSON  
Youth Leader, Washington, D. C.



HON. JOHN BEN SHEPPERD  
Secretary of State, Austin, Texas



MR. WILLIAM FLEMING  
President Baptist General Convention  
of Texas, Fort Worth



DR. W. MARSHALL CRAIG  
First Vice-President Southern Baptist  
Convention, Dallas, Texas



DR. J. M. DAWSON  
Executive Director, Public Affairs Office,  
Baptists of America, Washington, D. C.



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB  
Executive Secretary, Sunday School  
Board, Southern Baptist Conven-  
tion, Nashville, Tenn.



DR. J. HOWARD WILLIAMS  
Executive Secretary, Executive Board,  
Baptist General Convention of Texas,  
Dallas



## Letters of Felicitation from Our Friends

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7th March, 1951

Dr. Frank E. Burkhalter,  
514, North 30th,  
Waco, Texas.

Dear Dr. Burkhalter,

I am most interested to hear that First Church, Waco, is to celebrate its Centenary this May. It is only just over two years ago since we had a similar Celebration in my own Church here in Bloomsbury, and I know something of the joy of looking back over a notable period and praising God for His many blessings.

First Church, Waco, has indeed made a fine contribution not only in the outstanding leaders you have given to our Baptist cause, but in the supporting of the Kingdom down there in Texas.

On behalf of the Baptist World Alliance I send you our warmest congratulations and good wishes, with the prayer that as you enter the second century you may be more than ever conscious of God's blessing.

With every good wish,  
Very cordially,

*Howeulck*

### The Southern Baptist Convention

Office of the President  
1208 Court Street  
Memphis, Tennessee

March 19th, 1951

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Feezor:

I rejoice in the glorious history of the First Baptist Church of Waco in our Southern Baptist Convention, through the one hundred years gone forever into the tomb of time. I rejoice that you and your people are handing down your blood-bequeathed and God-blessed legacies unimpaired in quality and in quantity. On this notable occasion, I send you greetings and this written but inadequate expression of my gratitude for the service of those who served their day and generation by the will of God. I hope that in all that is spoken in song and sermon and in teaching within the walls of that house of God that God will be glorified even as the sun is glorified in beautiful and fragrant flowers. May many lost souls be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, our Lord.

My prayer for you and your people is Hebrews 13:20-21:

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

Yours earnestly,

*Robert G. Lee*  
Robert G. Lee

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### THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

EDWARD HUGHES PRUDEN  
PRESIDENT

March 28, 1951

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Feezor:

I have learned with much interest of the celebration to be held in your church in recognition of its 100th anniversary. This will be a most significant occasion, I am sure, and I only wish that I might be with you in person to express my warmest greetings and heartiest congratulations.

The history of your church has been a noble one and from its fellowship has come out to bless the world great numbers of those whose lives have been a living testimony to the quality of ministry which has been exercised among your people. In the church of which I am pastor in Washington we have been blessed again and again by those who have come from your church to the Nation's Capital, and who have found their place of service within our own fellowship. Particularly grateful have we been for Dr. and Mrs. Dawson and all they have done to increase the effectiveness of our church.

We send you our love and felicitations and sincerely trust that the years ahead may be the very best of all.

With my best regards to you and to all of your people, I am,

Very sincerely,

*Edward H. Pruden*

### THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD of the Southern Baptist Convention

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March 7, 1951

M. THERON RANKIN  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Feezor:

On the occasion of the centennial of the First Baptist Church of Waco, I extend to you and your church the hearty congratulations of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and of myself personally. How grateful all of us are for 100 years of service in such a strategic center as Waco. Who can possibly measure the outreach of the ministry of this church during this century? At home and abroad the influence of this church has reached out to all parts of the world.

We thank God for the still greater possibilities that lie ahead as you face the new century of service. We pray God's richest blessings upon you as the pastor and upon every member of the church.

Very sincerely yours,


*M. Theron Rankin*  
M. Theron Rankin

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"These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly." 1 Timothy 3:14

These letters of felicitation to the church on the occasion of its Centennial anniversary are self-explanatory:



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March 15, 1951

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Feezor:

A century of outstanding Christian service, such as the First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, has to its credit, is indeed deserving of proper observance by its members, and of words of felicitation from interested friends without.

Anyone acquainted with the history of this great Baptist empire in the Southwest will thank God afresh for the First Baptist Church of Waco. My most fervent prayer, however, is one of petition that no individual connected with the church will be tempted to rest upon the laurels of yesterday, rich though they are with accomplishment; but shall, each and all, determine, by the grace of God, to pale them into insignificance by comparison with the achievements that are possible in the immediate future. Hats off in salute; then, coat off for greater service in this hour, most challenging of the many lying back in the century of history.

Very sincerely yours,  
*Walter R. Alexander*  
Walter R. Alexander,  
Executive Secretary

**HOME MISSION BOARD**  
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March 30, 1951

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Brother Feezor:

At a recent session of the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Board attention was called to the fact that your church will celebrate its One Hundredth Anniversary in May of this year.

I was instructed to convey to you an expression of our gratitude to God for you and your noble people on this great occasion. Your church has made a large contribution to the on-going of the Kingdom of God not only in your fair city, but throughout the world.


We wish for you a great period of celebration and rejoicing and pray that the Father of us all will continue to richly bless and greatly use your church until the Lord comes again.

Cordially yours,  
*G. Frank Garrison*  
President

**SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
SEMINARY HILL STATION  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 10, 1951



**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**  
ROLAND Q. LEAVELL, PRESIDENT  
1420 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
NEW ORLEANS 12, LOUISIANA

March 6, 1951

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Feezor:

In a letter from Mr. Frank E. Burkhalter, I learn that the First Baptist Church of Waco is to observe a centennial beginning Wednesday evening, May 9, and to run through Sunday evening, May 13.

Let me express my congratulations to you and the great church of which you are Christ's shepherd on this centennial occasion. Throughout the significant one hundred years that church has exerted influences that have reached to the ends of the earth, and that will carry on until the Saviour comes again. I rejoice in its history of great pastors, magnificent contributions, and intensive influence in the lives of multitudes who have come and gone.

May heaven's blessing be upon you as pastor, and upon all of your people on this coming occasion.

Fraternally and abidingly yours,  
*Roland Q. Leavell*  
Roland Q. Leavell  
President

Dear Friend:

Heartiest congratulations to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church, Waco, on this meaningful occasion. Your history, now one hundred years in extent, has been a rich and abundant history. No human methods of computation can fully reveal the variety and the extent of these rich years of growth and service. May the realization of this large vision for more triumphant and fruitful years in the new century before you! I should like to acknowledge my deep sense of debt for all that the First Baptist Church has meant to me personally.

Cordially, your friend,  
*E. D. Head*  
E. D. Head, President

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

**The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**  
Ellis A. Fuller, President  
Louisville 6 - Kentucky

March 6, 1951

Dr. Forrest C. Feezor  
First Baptist Church  
Waco, Texas

Dear Dr. Feezor:

On behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary I join in thanksgiving to God for the occasion which brings the First Baptist Church of Waco to the celebration of its centennial. To recount the history of this church would be almost to tell the story of the Baptist conquest of the great southwest. Its list of pastors contains some of the most notable men of God of the past hundred years. Its contributions to every phase of the denominational life have been inestimable. Unlike individuals, institutions do not of necessity grow old, for their life is renewed by fresh blood of succeeding generations. The past greatness of this church does not overshadow its present, and its present greatness foreshadows an even more fruitful future. We of the Seminary add our felicitations to those of a multitude of other friends.

Sincerely,  
*G. S. Lobbins*  
Gaines S. Lobbins  
Acting President



*"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me; for of such is the Kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14*

*Starting off  
the very Little Folks  
in the way they should go*



Mrs. Rob Rumsey supervises bed babies in Nursery I-A. Each bed has its own private clothes closet underneath.



Two-year-olds enjoy a lunch of hot chocolate and wafers in their own kitchenette during the preaching service.



Three-year-olds pause in the midst of Bible stories to have their picture made.



These youngsters participate in helpful activities under guidance of skilled teachers.

Featured in the pictures are scenes from the new \$60,000 nursery, dedicated "To God and Little Children." This beautiful and attractively arranged building, the gift of a consecrated but anonymous husband and wife, is the most modern building of its type in America. Mrs. Rob Rumsey is the superintendent of the department and she is assisted by a capable staff, not alone during the Sunday School hour but at all the other services of the church.



*"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Revelation 2:10*

## Centennial Anniversary Committees

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Drawing Room, Baylor Student Union Building, Saturday, May 12, 8 to 10 P. M.

#### GREETING:

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The following missionaries, under the employment of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, were assigned to the First Baptist Church of Waco several years ago and are supported by this church, over and above its contributions to the Cooperative Program:

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney L. Goldfinch,  
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### OUR CHURCH'S HALF-CENTURY CLUB

The compilers of this program booklet are pleased to feature the names of the following persons who have been members of this congregation for 50 years or more:

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*"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Psalm 127:1*



Architect's perspective of new \$525,000 Educational Building and Chapel now under construction on Fifth Street. The new structure will be tied on to the church auditorium with two enclosed corridors.